

My understanding is that broadcasters on the public airways are required to give equal time on political endorsements or 'documentary'-style programs. I have no indication that Sinclair intends to balance their airings to serve the public fairly, and can only assume that there is no intention to do so. I feel this is a blatant imposition on my rights as a viewer (are not the airwaves public?) and a violation of what is broadcast - against the law - on the public airwaves. Promotion of any particular viewpoint, without a balanced response, does every one in our great country harm. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.